

# UNCLE SAM GIVES MONEY AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH CHINA USES TO THREATEN AMERICA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, let us see if this makes sense: Uncle Sam gives billions to Russia, Russia uses our money to build missiles and warships, Russia then sells those missiles and warships to China, China then aims those Russian-made missiles, built with American cash, back at Uncle Sam.

Now, if that is not enough to ignite our plutonium, Uncle Sam is about to give more billions to Russia. I ask, is Uncle Sam a masochist or what, here?

The truth is, the policy "Trust but Verify" has turned into "Pay and Pray." Beam me up. I yield back China's buying and spying and Russia's crying and lying.

# AMERICA MUST PERSEVERE IN DEVELOPING A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, perseverance is a good thing, especially when it comes to national security. When our children fall off their bikes, we teach them to try again. When the Wright Brothers moved to Kittyhawk with a dream of flying, it took them 3 years of effort before their first flight. When President Kennedy set the goal of putting a man on the moon, it took us 8 years before Neil Armstrong took one giant leap for mankind.

We must now have the same perseverance toward developing a missile defense system. We have had three tests, the most recent of which was a disappointment, but the need to defend ourselves has not disappeared. Iran and North Korea are not going to stop developing nuclear weapons, and we should not stop developing a defense for a missile attack.

With determination and American ingenuity, we can develop a national missile defense system. I urge the President not to tie the hands of future administrations. We must persevere because the safety of Americans is at stake.

# POLITICS OVER POLICY IN THE PRESIDENT'S OIL RESERVE STRATEGY?

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, this administration has now proposed stock-

piling 2 million barrels of heating oil for the Northeast. He justifies using our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is our Nation's national security emergency oil reserve, because of a "national emergency facing the Northeast."

Mr. Speaker, I believe the national emergency seems to be that a certain senatorial candidate cannot get above 43 percent in the polls.

There is no arguing that the oil reserves are low, but at the same time, the price of natural gas has doubled across this Nation, which is the primary heating source in my State of Nebraska. The President has never visited Nebraska, but let me assure this administration that it is also cold in Nebraska.

Mr. Speaker, the American people can decide if this is another example of politics over policy.

# THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY, AN INJUSTICE IN OUR TAX CODE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to talk about an injustice that exists in our current Tax Code. Mr. Speaker, I am referring to the marriage penalty tax. This insensitive provision actually increases taxes by up to \$1,400 on working Americans like Ron and Judy Kingman out in rural Nevada, taxes on them simply because they chose to get married. How unfair can it be?

Mr. Speaker, over 25 million American couples are currently subjected to this tax. We can do better and we will do better. These couples should be able to use that tax overpayment toward a downpayment on a home, child care expenses, or investment for their own retirement. This money does not belong to the IRS, it belongs to our families and they deserve to get it back.

This week we have the opportunity to ease the marriage tax burden for married couples in this country. I urge my colleagues across the aisle to join in our Republican efforts to end the marriage tax penalty.

Let us do the right thing. Let us reform this tax. Let us eliminate the marriage tax penalty.

# URGING MEMBERS' SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION IN AMERICA

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, America is a wonderful country. I am very proud of the U.S.A. We are the best country in so many different ways. And

I believe we should be the best in everything. We have the resources, the knowledge, and the energy to achieve it.

Today I want to mention one thing in which we are not the best. In fact, we are letting our kids down. The majority of jobs available today in our economy are jobs in science, math, engineering, technology, and, of course, computers. Yet, our science and math education in this country is among the worst of the developed countries, as demonstrated by test after test. Ninety-three percent of Americans are aware of this and say that they want better math and science education.

I happen to be a nuclear physicist. I have also worked in elementary school science education. Because of this, and because of my concern about education in this country, I have sponsored three bills which will improve math and science education in this country. I urge my colleagues to join me by cosponsoring these bipartisan bills; I guarantee they will help to improve math and science education in this country, and should make us the international leader in this category, just as we are in so many others.

I urge Members' support of these bills. Join with me and Governor George Bush in advocating improvement of math and science education in this country.

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# MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask a simple question: What has the support of the Republican party and the support of 80 percent of the American people? The answer is very simple, the repeal of the marriage tax penalty.

This ridiculous tax provision forces 25 million couples to pay an average of \$1,400 each in extra taxes every year just because they are married for a working family. This \$1,400 would be used to buy a home computer or used for 3 months of childcare, but instead of using this money for their family, these couples are forced to give it to the government.

Our Nation was founded in part because our Founding Fathers grew tired of unfair and ridiculous taxes. Well, I can think of no more unfair or ridiculous tax than the marriage tax penalty. This penalty must be repealed.

Surely everyone can agree that married couples should not be subject to extra taxes just because they are married. Married Americans deserve to be treated fairly. Let us repeal the marriage tax penalty today.